

Outdoor Weather Alert System Activation

While the Outdoor Weather Alert System may be used for emergencies and situations other than weather, its primary use is for notifying the public of impending severe weather situations. The Highland Police Department has adopted the criteria for activating the sirens to coincide with the National Weather Service standard for “Severe Weather”.

If the National Weather Service has predicted severe weather for the Highland area, the communications center should receive advance warnings and updates from the National Weather Service. Criteria for activation of the weather alert system:

1. A tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar within a **15 air mile radius** of Highland or Grantfork, and/or is tracking toward Highland or Grantfork.
2. A severe thunderstorm is reported in the **15 mile radius** or tracking towards Highland/Grantfork that has reported **hail 1 inch or more** in diameter or damaging winds of a **58 mph maximum sustained winds (not wind gusts)**.
3. Please note that the City of Highland does NOT sound an “ALL CLEAR” tone.

What to Do When the Outdoor Siren Sounds

- Go inside right away
- Turn on a radio or television to hear the latest weather information.
- Take shelter in an inside room or basement if appropriate.
- **Remember:** The emergency alert siren is for **outdoor** notification. Don't expect it to notify you of weather conditions while you are indoors.
- We recommend that you purchase and include a NOAA weather alert radio as part of your emergency weather plan.